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Honorable John Marshall Butler
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

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Thank you for your letter of 20 September 1955 with its enclosures of letters to you from Mr. W.G. Carroll, Treasurer of the Maryland Electronic Manufacturing Corporation, David Scull, Treasurer of Sterling & Scull, Inc., and T.B. Symons of the Suburban Trust Company of Takoma Park, Maryland.

There has been no change in the basic position communicated to you last August that CIA would prefer to locate its new headquarters installation at Langley, Virginia. Our second choice has been a tract of land in Alexandria. However, prior to making the final determination, we have engaged an independent firm of engineers to study these tracts. On 20 September 1955 my Deputy, Colonel White, met with a group from Prince Georges County, including Mr. Symons and his committee, at their request. They urged that CIA consider the site at Good Luck road in Greenbelt. As the engineers which we have engaged had scheduled some meetings on 21 September 1955 at which the proponents and opponents of the various sites were to present their arguments, we invited the representatives from Prince Georges to be present and present their views. They have done so, and the engineering consultants will now consider their application together with the Virginia sites.

I greatly appreciate your calling this matter to my attention, and the presentation which the Maryland representatives have made.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

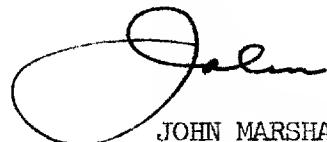
Having just returned from an extended official assignment in Europe, I have been endeavoring to determine the exact status of the proposal concerning a headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency. Prior to my departure in mid-August, a representative of your office conveyed to me the decision that this construction would be located in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Now in reviewing recent Press clippings, I find that other sites are under consideration and accordingly I am further confused. This situation is confounded by the fact that various interests in Maryland continue to solicit my support in regard to property which they have offered - as evidence thereto your attention is directed to the attached letters from (1) Mr. W. G. Carroll of the Maryland Electronic Corporation, College Park, Maryland, (2) Dr. T. B. Symons of the Suburban Trust Company, Takoma Park, Maryland, and (3) Mr. David Scull of Sterling and Scull, Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland, which I would request to be returned after serving their purpose.

Any information you might care to share with me in this connection will be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER
United States Senator

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September 13, 1955

Honorable John M. Butler, U.S.S.
Senator from Maryland
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Butler:

I trust that you will pardon my writing to you at this time; however, I have been interested in the progress of Prince Georges county and the State of Maryland. All of our civic clubs and interested citizens have, for a period of time, been endeavoring to interest proper authorities in having the proposed new Central Intelligence Agency building and headquarters located in Prince Georges County.

I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce of Prince Georges county and also the Rotary Club of College Park, as a member of their committees, and would appreciate anything that you could do towards advising us on how we may bring the attention of the Administration, as well as the appropriate authorities in Congress, to the desirability of this proposed CIA building and headquarters being located in Prince Georges County.

There is a tract of land in Prince Georges county desirably located on the east side of Edmonston Avenue, beginning at Good Luck Road and extending north. It contains about 1100 acres and is now owned by the Federal government. This tract of land has available ample sewerage, water and other utilities. It is within about a 12-minute drive from metro station in Washington. There is in construction now the widening and expansion of the Edmonston Avenue Expressway which will extend far beyond Beltsville. This new road, of course, is on the west side of the proposed tract; while, on the east side, the tract adjoins the new Washington Parkway between Baltimore and Washington. The Chamber of Commerce of Prince Georges county, the County Commissioners and other civic organizations are most favorable to the location of the proposed new CIA headquarters in Prince Georges county, and, we believe that the proposed Government-owned tract furnishes an economical and satisfactory location for the Agency.

You have probably noted in the press that the Agency representatives have indicated the desirability of locating

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at Langley in Virginia. Citizens of that area have protested vigorously and the lack of public utilities in that area, as well as the approach, would be very expensive to the government. Some have stated an additional cost of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) would be necessary. We are hoping to convince the Agency of the economy and convenience of this location in Prince Georges County for the Central Intelligence Agency. It goes without saying that none of us are personally interested in any real estate or other developments but only in bringing the facts to the government for their earnest consideration.

My thoughts at this time are in no way to involve you in any of this procedure; however, if you could advise me as to the proper parties with whom our committee might have conference, so that we could go into more detail, perhaps they might give us consideration on this project.

Looking forward to seeing you some time in the near future and with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

W. G. Carroll
Treasurer

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SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY

TAKOMA PARK, MD.

THOMAS B. SYMONS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

September 6, 1955

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The Honorable John Marshall Butler
United States Senator
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Butler:

You have no doubt noted the discussions in the press concerning the location of the proposed new CIA headquarters, if and when an appropriation has been granted by the Congress. We understand that the Senate Committee did not appropriate money for this project in the last Congress but requested a further study of the location for the headquarters building. Our Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Prince George's County would deeply appreciate any cooperation you can give us towards presenting facts concerning the efficiency and convenience of locating this building in Prince Georges County.

This Government now owns a tract of land, something over 1,100 acres, beginning at Good Luck Road and extending along the eastern side of Edmonston Avenue to as far as Greenbelt. This property has water, sewage and other utilities already installed. A new Freeway on Edmonston Avenue is now being completed. The area can be reached in a 22-minute drive from zero point in Washington. There has been considerable talk in the press that the Agency desires to locate its headquarters at Langley, Virginia. The Langley citizens are protesting vigorously. All of the authorities and people in Prince Georges, on the other hand, are greatly desirous of us having this building in our midst.

Our Committee, composed of Mr. Perry Wilkinson, Mr. Harry Boswell and myself, are hoping to have a hearing with Mr. Dulles and his assistant, Colonel White, at an early date. Congressman Lankford has been in contact with their office. We would like an opportunity to present facts to the Senate Committee that will consider this project and bring the convenience and economy features of our area to the attention of the highest authorities concerned in making the decision for the location of the project. Our Committee would deeply appreciate your suggestions and aid in the premises.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

T. B. Symons
Chairman

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Attention: Mr. E. M. Hood DATE: 1 MAY 1955 REVIEWER: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Butler:

You have worked long and hard to urge that decision be made to locate the proposed new headquarters for the Central Intelligence Agency in Maryland.

Enclosed please find copies of correspondence relative to our offer of free site to C.I.A. provided we can tie into public sewer and water facilities currently being arranged for the Atomic Energy Commission. It appears certain that sewer extension will be mandatory in view of present degree of pollution of the Potomac. A separate disposal plant for A.E.C. could not be permitted because of the necessity of dumping its effluent into inadequate local stream branches that flow to this river.

In brief, our location has already been approved for a major Federal installation; plans are being worked out to care for water and sewer. It would be unnecessarily costly to go through that whole process again elsewhere in Maryland or Virginia. Strategic considerations are not raised by proximity because of past willingness to consider locations in downtown Washington. Further our site is on the direct helicopter flightline from the White House to the new underground "Pentagon" near Camp Dietrich, into which C.I.A. would have to be tied in the event of a national emergency. Early consideration of this offer is of the essence in view of a specific limit to my option on the ground.

Respectfully,

STERLING & SCULL, INC.
BY: David Scull
David Scull, Treasurer